

Archaeological Survey of the Location for the Proposed
Strategic Weapons Engineering Systems Engineering Facility,
Crane NSWC, Martin County, Indiana

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Introduction and Management Summary

At the request of the Department of the Navy, Crane Division Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, Indiana University (GBL) conducted a Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance survey of the location for the proposed Strategic Weapons Systems Engineering Facility building. The proposed building location consists of an irregularly-shaped wooded area with a total north-south length of approximately 168 meters and an east-west width ranging from approximately 60 meters at its north end to 20 meters at its south end. An electrical power line corridor forms the eastern boundary of the survey area. Approximately 1.8 acres were surveyed.

The purposes of the survey were 1) to identify and document all of the cultural resources in the project area, 2) to evaluate any sites found with regard to their eligibility for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (IRHSS), and 3) to make recommendations for the protection of significant and potentially significant sites.

Fieldwork was conducted March 27, 2000 by GBL archaeologists Mary E. Pirkle, Scott J. Shirar, and Brian W. Troyer. No cultural resources were discovered within the proposed project area. No further archaeological work is recommended. Cultural resource clearance is therefore recommended for the proposed building construction location provided that all earth-moving activities are restricted to the currently defined project area boundaries.

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